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New Farmers' Market Breaking Ground on Fairgrounds

When and Where: 10:30, Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Site of New Farmers' Market at the Fairgrounds

Corner of Jefferson and High Streets

Jackson, MS

A new, state-of-the-art farmers' market to be built on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds is ready to begin construction at the selected location on the corner of Jefferson and High Streets in downtown Jackson.

A ceremony will commemorate the groundbreaking at the new site. Attending the event will be the following: Commissioner of Agriculture Lester Spell, Mississippi Senators and Representatives of Agriculture Committees, Farmers' Market Board members, Fair Commission members, USDA dignitaries from Washington, D.C., Mississippi State University Extension Specialists, Mississippi fruit and vegetable growers, architects from Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons / LTD, and others.

The \$2 million project will provide modern farmers' market facilities in a high profile area of Jackson. The new market will benefit both growers, by affording a market in a location of high demand, and consumers, by supplying fresh fruits and vegetables in nicer facilities more conveniently located.

Fresh Mississippi harvest treats will be available at the ceremony, and refreshments will be provided.